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A representative of the Associated Negro Press paid a brief and hurried visit to Tidewater this week and while time did not permit anything like a thorough inspection there were so many things of interest to be seen that we are giving our readers a brief survey of them.

Norfolk is the largest of these coastal cities, boasting a population of 100,000 of whom probably 55,000 are members of the Race. It is an exceedingly busy port of great importance as a port and a commercial centre having been emphasized by the war, when its wonderful harbor became one of the principal embarkation and shipping points of the United States, while its ship yards were filled with great manufactures, wholesale houses, naval bases and the like. The result was the growth of the population from 57,000 in 1911 to its present size.

cause of the close of the war, and labor which commanded high wages was beginning to earn good wages with jobs available. These two factors come into play. One reason why there is a large factor in the labor situation and they have not failed to get their share in the great bulk of money in circulation. One of the concrete evidences of this fact is the unusual development of banking and similar institutions. The second strongest bank in the country, The Citizens and Savings Bank with a capital and surplus of \$800,000, is located here, while settling a place which is fair to overhaul it is the "Tidewater

Trust and Savings Co., a new institution which has increased its resources \$500,000 in the past six months. The Tidewater is housed in a beautiful new building with every mechanical equipment and convenience. It has a large force which was needed on the Saturday morning I visited the institution for there were two hundred depositors who filled the banking room.

The officers of the Tidewater Bank and Trust Company are: P. B. Young, president; G. H. Francis, vice-president; Levie Brown, vice-president; M. R. Brown, Jr., vice-president; J. S. Jones, secretary-treasurer; B. W. J. Jones, secretary.

assistant secretary: J. Eugene Diggs, council: Thos. H. Reid, assistant council: J. H. Reid.

Just across the river at Portsmouth is another strong institution, the Mutual Savings Bank.

A few blocks down church street, the Attucks theatre is being pushed to completion. The Twin City Movement is sponsoring this project and is building one of the largest modern theatres in the country, seating 1400. This is an architectural gem and is being fitted out in luxurious fashion. The new enterprise is being pushed by Frank G. Russell, general manager; R. C. Young, secretary; G. H.

Francis, Vice president. These progressive business achievements are not typical of the things Norfolk has done. The other two are more worthy of mention.

The notable thing about these endeavors is that they are not the result of single handed effort as is so often true of our racial enterprises. Our men in Norfolk have mastered the art of working together as a group. There are many substantial citizens with money and they come together with their resources and do this. Norfolk is one of the most potent ways of developing the Tidewater spirit is that up-

in this section is the *Folk Journal* and *the* *People's*—up-to-the-minute newspaper published by P. B. Young and H. C. Young. This publication has devoted itself ever since it was published by those men to the cause of the struggling Negro folk. Every constructive move has had their support. They have not been selfish, but far seeing, and alert to the high duty which a newspaper owes to its community. The responsibility of the *Folk Journal* and *the* *People's* has been, if not the axis around which the progress has revolved, has

at least seen the lubricant which enabled it to run. This spirit has enabled the Young Brethren to collect and spend their money in a judicious and profitable manner. Their up-to-date printing plant, worth \$45,000, a massive brick building which houses it together with other property which they have accumulated speaks highly for their wisdom in entering the true mission of newspaper.

One cannot write in a brief space of the many things to be seen in Norfolk, but you cannot leave it without having seen at least one of the many churches said to be the finest of any city of its kind in the country. The First Calvary Baptist

church, the Second Calvary Baptist church, are large new structures. The Baptist church, developed by Dr. Chas. S. Morris, Jr., the well known boy orator is a worthy place for a king to worship with its modern arrangements and arched windows in which have been painted colored subjects.

Professional men are not without their place in the city life. The many doctors, lawyers and dentists are doing a thriving business. Portsmouth has the river, the latter a suburb shows equally high development. Portsmouth having about 36,000 high-

The Tidewater spirit is a very real and tangible thing. It has taken advantage of the new racial consciousness which our group has developed during the past few years and is building a sure foundation for commercial construction of which the race may well be proud.



Offer Fashionable Home to Negroes; Neighbors Object

Brooklyn, N. Y. April 1.—Well-known residents of the Park Slope on St. John's place between 7th avenue and 8th avenues, are up in arms today over an attempt on the part of Mrs. Annie Allen to sell her home at 201 St. John's place to Negroes.

Following a police raid at that address, the charge being that it was being run as a disorderly house, the neighbors hoped that Mrs. Allen, who was arrested in the raid, would sell the place.

Mrs. Allen obliged them, but in a quite unexpected fashion. This morning, when occupants of the nearby houses peered from their windows, they saw a card in the front window of 261. It read:

"For sale, to Colored Tenants only."

The immensity of the offense in the eyes of the neighbors can be realized only in view of the peculiar quality from the 150's to the 240's and

the society register with almost catalogue or census-taking regularity. On that block lives the Rev. T. Bond Holland, rector of St. John's Episcopal Church. Up the street a few doors away is the home of Theophilus Olens. Across from Mr. Olens lives Dr. W. H. Bates. Others within a stone's throw of 261 are William Dietz, 364 John's place, Charles E. Smith, 1907, and Dr. J. H. Storey, 1909. Goldstein, T. W. Pierce, Next door lives John T. Tomlinson, late of Texas. The neighbors took action immediately. Learning that A. Peace and

Entered the sale of the house to Mrs. Allen last fall and that the firm had been retained by her as real estate representative, kept the Peace telephone number. Those who did not buzz the phone went around to Mr. Peace. Also, The Eagle telephone buzzed.

Evidently Mrs. Allen placed the "Colored Tenants Wanted" sign in her yard without giving him any knowledge to Mr. Peace. Mr. Peace assured his callers that it was exclusively her own idea. He knew nothing of it, nor had he heard of the raid last week.

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made to the police that men were visiting the house at irregular hours, day and night. Neighbors across the street claimed that they saw through the windows a man and a woman in an exclusive neighborhood. Accordingly, Detectives Quigley and Pitt of Inspector Hayes's staff raided the house, arrested Mrs. Allen on a charge of keeping a disorderly house and placed her in jail.

Mr. Peace assured his visitors that the "Colored Tenants Wanted" sign could have no significance. No colored family, he said, would move into the house. He said that the sign was merely a sign of the small comfort-

his assurance left only one alternative—that Mrs. Allen would remain her residence in the St. John's place block. However, he assured her that he would investigate the matter and settle it amicably for all concerned.

Action being forestalled here, suggestions were being made to help Mrs. Allen get the house. One suggestion was that the neighbors secure a price from Mrs. Allen and then aid her in finding a buyer.

When Mrs. Allen was seen today, she was with a policeman on duty to whom she had been invited to see the house. Until Mrs. Allen has faced her charge in court.

Questions about the sign on her window, she replied that she had put it there and that it would stay. "Why do you have your own business?"

"Why Colored tenants only?" she was asked.

"I'll sell to anybody that's got the money," she replied.

"Then why did you specify Colored tenants?"

"That's my business."

"The neighbors claim you have done this to spite them because you believe that they reported you to the police."

"That is also my own business."

"What is your price?"

"Eighteen thousand dollars." Assurance that New York City has no law to draw a color line in any section of the city has convinced the neighbors that the problem must be left to diplomacy, manipulated by Mr. Peace.

Urge Nagel to Run For Senate.

(Associated Negro Press).

St. Louis, Mo., April 1.—Charles Nagel, secretary of the commerce and labor in former President Taft's cabinet, has been asked by a committee of Negroes to become a candidate for United States senator from Missouri. J. Wolfley, one of the promoters of the Citizen's Liberty League, a race organization, Wolfley says Nagel has told the committee he will make the matter under consideration. Nagel is now grand chancellor of the Negro Knights of Pythias of Missouri, and president of the Citizens' Liberty League, said 50,000 Negro voters would soon hold membership

**Pittsburg Negroes Complain
of Police Abuse.**

(Associated Negro Press).

Pittsburg, Pa., Apr. 1.—Bitter complaints from one Clarence Webster and others are concerning the treatment that it is said is being accorded Negroes by the police of the First district, are being received by the city

Colored men are being arrested by the score in connection with the local crime wave. Council was told that declaration of innocence amount to nothing. It was claimed the laboring class gets the worst treatment. As a result, Council has ordered a representative of the law department assigned to the Center avenue police station until further notice, to protect the rights of all Negroes brought in by the police.

SENTENCES OF SIX ARKANSAS MEN AFFIRMED.

TO SPEAK TO THE ANNUAL
CONFERENCE OF THE N. A.
A. C. P.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People today announced that its eleventh annual conference would be in Atlanta, Georgia, from May 30 to June 1, and that Hugh M. Dorsey, Governor of Georgia, and James L. Key, Mayor of Atlanta, would speak at the meetings. Governor Edwin P. Morrow of Kentucky has also been invited to address the conference.

This is the first time that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has held its annual conference in the South.

ment of Colored People has held its annual conference in the South, according to the announcement at the headquarters, 70 Fifth Avenue, Atlanta, having been selected, it was stated, upon invitation extended by Governor Dorsey. Mayor Key, the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce and the Atlanta churches "It is hoped," the statement continues, "that this conference may contribute to more cordial co-operation between white and Colored people and all that makes for a better America to a better understanding among the white people of the aspirations of the Negro citizens and to clearing the way for elimination of the causes

The fact that the Governor of Georgia and Mayor of Atlanta have signified their willingness to take part in the conference is a good omen for increasing co-operation between white men and Colored men in solving race problems."

**Native of Canada Has Power
to Cure by Laying on of
Hands.**

New Orleans, La., April 1.—Led by a score of crippled and ailing men and women, hundreds of persons crowded the Mississippi levee last night trying to reach the ramshack-

Police Officer John Cudney, a kindhearted peddler, known as "Brother Island," had been cured by his reputed cures by the time he was living on Grand Cudney's Island. The press was so great that 30 policemen were assigned to keep order. On a rumor that Cudney was about to appear there was a rush there of five of the guards' into the river. All were rescued.

Reports Thursday that the "healer" had restored sight to the blind, started a rush to the levee. Many invalids were carried on cots. Cudney worked all night, retiring at dawn when in danger of physical collapse.

The rich came with the poor, but offers of money were refused.

The authorities are taking no action against 'Brother Isaiah,' because he is neither prescribing medicine nor accepting fees.

Alabama Democrats Bar Negroes From Primary.

Montgomery, Ala., April 1.—Negro voters will not be allowed to participate in the Alabama Democratic primary.

Monday, May 11, under a ruling made today by W. D. Nesbit, chairman of the State Democratic executive committee.

This ruling, it was explained, will not prevent Negro voters from exercising the right of suffrage in the general election in November.

Shot Teacher to "Get Even."

(Associated Negro Press).

Cincinnati, Ohio, April 1.—Lawrence Angel, 14, shot his teacher, Beatrice

Conner, in a Douglass School room here to "get even" for having been sent to the principal for punishment. The bullet struck Miss Conners in the arm.

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believe in. That's woman's reason-
te stands for the best things for
the people. This is a crucial period
in our national life. We need another
Abraham Lincoln."

Mrs. Harriet Vittum, national chair-
man of the women's department of
the Wood organization, will be in
the city this week and next. She will
speak in Columbia, Wednesday.

Carl D. Ford, Cleveland, is president of the Wood Organization in the three Cuyahoga county congressional districts. George A. Reynolds manager of the three successful campaigns of Mayor Harry L. Davis Cleveland, is secretary.

Gen. Wood is expected to begin his Ohio, speaking campaign about April 1.

Chicago, Ill., April 1.—Thirteen out of twenty-five men who made good presidents of the United States have been active military service—Washington, Jackson, Madison, Monroe, Harrison Tyler Pierce, Grant Garfield Arthur, Harrison, McKinley and

Wood committee in Highland Park
ll., recently.